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Construction firm executive on a mission to transform drab, oft-neglected burial grounds to green, welcoming spaces

EVERGREEN

Schoolchildren take part in Vanamahotsava, plant 200 saplings

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A Bengaluru-based entrepreneur is now on a mission to convert burial grounds into green zones.

For the last few months, the entrepreneur has created parks out of cemeteries at many places; he roped in school students to conduct Vanamahotsava by planting around 200 saplings.

"My job is to construct houses. I had recently constructed a farm house for one of my clients at a village in Chikkamagaluru district. After a few days, I saw the previous owner of the land come to the house to search for a samadhi to perform pooja. However, unknowingly, a wall was constructed at a place where the bodies were buried.

I felt sad when I saw their plight. When I inquired, I got to know that there was no

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"I am investing money, from my savings, so that people can give a good send off to their departed ones – BM Ravi Shankar

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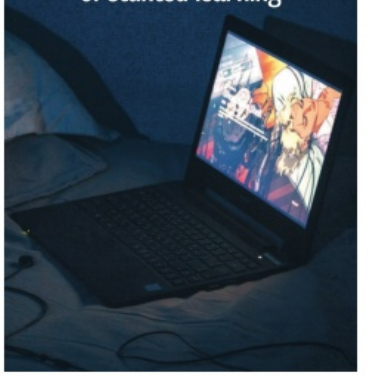
As kids binge-watch OTT media, teachers complain of stunted learning



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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Lake walk

ActionAid Association is organising a lake walk for children from Maarga, an NGO which works for the deprived communities in Koramangala area. ActionAid has been engaged with the most marginalised communities and works in 10 districts of Karnataka. The lake walk is to sensitise local residents including children to appreciate the water body nearby and the biodiversity within the lake ecosystem. It aims to create awareness among the local residents and encourage them to participate in lake protection and conservation.
Where: Agara Lake; When: Aug 7, 8 am

02 Food origins and more

Have you ever wondered where your food comes from, who grows it, or what it takes? Swing by on Sunday to meet with some farmers and find out for yourself. The market is an initiative to connect us to our source of food, while promoting those that grow food with utmost care for our health as well as the planet. If you fancy a bit of a mix, you will also be able to explore vegan desserts, traditional games, information and products for sustainable living, urban farming and conservation of biodiversity. Where: Bangalore Creative Circus, 12/2, Yeswanthpur Industrial Suburb. **When: Aug 7, 11 am – 3 pm; Entry: Free, 9611854141**

03 Shoppers, listen up!

Hi Life Exhibition, one of the most exciting and exclusive fashion exhibitions of India with exclusive designs of haute couture, personal style, home décor and luxury products, is back in the city. The top renowned designers from across India will be showcasing some of their best designer works of art, from wedding ensembles, designer apparels and jewellery to fashion accessories, home accessories to furnishing concepts to new-age art.
Where: The Lalit Ashok, Seshadripuram
When: Till Aug 8, 10 am – 8 pm

SCREENED OUT!

Restlessness during class, using informal lingo, aggressive behaviour are some of many symptoms of too much time on OTT apps

As kids binge-watch content on OTT platforms, teachers complain of stunted learning abilities and poor concentration in classrooms

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If addiction to gadgets and a sedentary lifestyle courtesy two years of a pandemic weren't enough, teachers have yet another vice to add to their list of bad habits students have picked up. With more and more OTT platforms coming up, they say children are getting addicted to watching series and are losing concentration in classes.

Teachers have been advising parents to limit children from using mobile phones, and keep a check on their browsing history and engage them more in outdoor activities and indoor games, while even increase the family time.

Many teachers have observed children in using informal lingos, discussing about series and not paying attention in classes.

Aloysius DMello, Principal of Greenwood High International School said, "With the onset of high-speed internet boom of social media, children are being exposed to too many distractions. Add to it the recent introduction of OTT platforms where you can watch content all day. Teachers are observing changes in learning habits of children especially the younger ones. Their pronunciations and spellings have taken a hit. They are also unable to distinguish between formality and informality. Dip in concentration levels and need for more multimedia-infused teaching has also been observed."

We are counselling our parents to control the screen time and also have parental controls in place. They must also have a dedicated time for studies and a separate time slot to allow them to watch OTT, he added.

Sreepriya Unnikrishnan, Head of School, Ekya School, JP Nagar, added that this has an influence on their behaviour, language, attitude and has also resulted in decreased focus in academics, reduced concentration levels, restlessness, impulsive and aggressive behaviour. "This has to be collectively addressed by the parents and the school. Close monitoring at home is required with respect to gadget time, access to internet, sleep hours etc."

The school management pointed out that the teachers and parents should remain connected in order to understand the children and their routines in a better way.

Dr Ted Mockrish, Head of School, Canadian International School, said, "As students navigate different learning environments during the pandemic, many increased their use of technology beyond their studies. We encourage students to balance their use of technology in a responsible way with physical and other activities. It is also important to educate parents on responsible use practices, monitoring their children's social media and technology use."

According to him, students should also be part of regular advisory sessions in school with their teachers and peers to discuss the effects of technology on their everyday lives including activities in their daily timetables at school that include co-curricular activities such as art, music, drama, clubs, and physical education, also helps to reinforce learning without screens.

"Close monitoring at home is required with respect to screen time, sleep hours
– Sreepriya Unnikrishnan, Head of School, Ekya School, JP Nagar

Schools fret over ₹10,000 revision fee mandate

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Since the process is online, errors in application can be sorted too, say school staffers

The Association of Management of Primary and Secondary Schools of Karnataka has written to the State Education Minister BC Nagesh complaining against the latest circular issued by the Commissioner for Public Instruction (CPI) office mandating schools to repay the processing fee for the recognition renewal (RR) process in case applications stand rejected.

The circular issued by the CPI office on August 1 mandates the schools to repay the registration fee in case their RR application stands rejected. Schools say the circular has led to more corruption in the system. Applications are being rejected on trivial issues and schools are not allowed to furnish further details online.

"Schools are supposed to pay Rs 10,000 as revision charges if their RR application is rejected. Rejections on the pretext of incomplete documents have created panic," said D Shashi Kumar, president, the Association of Management of Primary and Secondary Schools of Karnataka.

When the Block Education Officers have gone through the documents and filed a recommendation visit report to the DDPI office, rejections are difficult to digest. While the online process of recognition renewal is comfortable and less time-consuming, it is riddled with corruption, explained TA Satyanarayana, secretary, Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial High School.

Schools say they are happy to provide additional information for the RR process. However, repayment of the processing fee for the same year is taxing.

"Since the process is online now, any error in applications can be sorted online too," said another city-based school.

Many city-based unaided private schools also complained about the non-responsive website, making the process cumbersome and time-consuming.

"We are supposed to pay the processing fee and obtain a chalan which is valid only for seven days. However, the department's website is slow. I have been trying to log in for the last two days, but it has not worked. If the chalan period lapses, we will be required to pay Rs 10,000 again," said MN Natesh Kumar, principal of Gurukul International School.

According to Kumar, this has created financial constraints. "If Rs 10,000 has been paid as the processing charge, renewal should be accorded without charging the schools even in case of errors," added Kumar.

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Spare some space?

Madiwala Police are keeping vehicles seized due to offenses like drunken driving parked on the street right outside their station as a result of space shortage

Due to over-crowding of seized vehicles, Madiwala police are now relasing vehicles of offenders on an indemnity bond

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Commuters headed to Madiwala Road may have paused to look at the pile of two-wheelers parked on the road in confusion. One would assume that these are unauthorised parking cases taking place right under the noses of traffic officials. However, traffic officials have clarified that these are vehicles seized by them for various offences.

It might not be a rare sight to see vehicles parked on roads, but witnessing a pile of them parked right in front of a Traffic Police Station is definitely strange.

According to traffic officials, seized vehicles have been kept on the road itself because of space constraints. Due to insufficient space inside the traffic station, police officers are compelled to park the seized vehicles and their department vehicles on the road itself.

> **"Once a vehicle is seized, we have to keep it under our jurisdiction, but due to lack of space, we are leaving it on the road**
>
> – Traffic Police Officer

A traffic officer, on the condition of anonymity, said that the issue has been ongoing for a while.

"Most of the vehicles are seized due to haphazard and drunken driving cases. Once a vehicle is seized, we need to keep it under our jurisdiction, but due to lack of space, we are leaving it on the road. Only unclaimed vehicles are being kept here," he said.

Officials revealed that they are not even seizing accident case vehicles anymore, and are releasing them on an indemnity bond.

"We are trying to ensure that we don't have a mounting problem with these unclaimed vehicles. As of now, there are 13 vehicles with cases registered, and the rest are abandoned and drunken driving cases," the officer told BM.

To prevent vehicles from piling up on the road, the vehicles are auctioned off.

"Even vehicles that remain unattended in an area for a long time are brought to the station. If it's left unclaimed, it's auctioned off.

As of this year, we have auctioned off 75 vehicles.

Vehicles tend to remain in this area until the auction is completed," he added.

However, he noted that the auction process is complicated, leading to the continued parking of said vehicles in many cases.

When asked whether the station was looking for a designated area for keeping such vehicles, he noted that the station does not even have parking space for vehicles owned by its own staff and is not considering the possibility.

He added that department vehicles are currently being parked on the road.

City records electric shift

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With Bengaluru shifting towards Electric Vehicles for commute, Bangalore Electric Supply Company (BESCOM) is also planning to install more EV charging stations in the next two years in order to facilitate and promote their usage

Srinivas K, Deputy General Manager, BESCOM, said, "The demand for charging stations has increased over the past year. Areas like HSR Layout, Malleswaram, Peenya, Hebbal, and Mahadevapura have the highest demand as these areas are also more populated. We are planning to install many more charging stations across the city for the convenience of EV users by the end of the year."

An EV charging point at Vidhana Soudha for two-wheelers

The officer told Bangalore Mirror that the state government has planned to install over 1,000 EV charging stations in the state under the (Public Private Partnership) PPP model, focusing on highways as well.

"The goal is to have a charging station every 500 m in our limit, and we are planning to install them before 2025. More and more people are opting for EVs, which is a great thing. It is definitely a more futuristic and environment-friendly alternative," he added.

According to BESCOM, the city currently has 334 EV charging stations, out of which 45 were installed in the month of July.

Karnataka is among the top three states to have the highest number of EV registrations. Both public and private transport in Bengaluru are witnessing a push towards electric vehicles which are cheaper to maintain and good for the environment. As of March 2022, Karnataka had 72,544 EVs registered – many of them being two-wheelers.

A recent study has estimated that 30 per cent (over 10 million) of the vehicles in India will be electric by 2030.

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Counter-productive

Banasawadi

After BM's article about the condition of the road in front of Banasawadi Railway Station, workers appeared to clear the stretch. A clear stretch where people placed pots to avoid waste dumping has been dug up and left open, allegedly for rain water to drain out. Since then, garbage is being dumped again.
"What kind of Corporation tries to solve one problem by creating another?," asked a frustrated BM reader.

It's SOS-ial media, 24X7

In absence of govt apps, citizens and officials alike are making use of social media to seek and deliver help

Waiting for the bus on a rainy day

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If you are lost in the maze of BMTC bus routes or do not know to whom to complain about the bad roads and heavy traffic in Bengaluru, social media will be at your service 24x7.

In the absence of centralised government apps, social media has come as a solution for many. Citizens and authorities have started to make active use of the platform in order to identify problems around the city and find solutions for them.

'Friends of BMTC', a Telegram group has been helping many Bengalureans navigate BMTC bus routes. "Initially, we planned to start the group as a live update, like whoever is traveling will share live updates of the buses. But now, it has also turned into a platform for querying and resolving. We are getting about 6-8 queries per day and we are happy to resolve them collectively, clearing people's ignorance about the bus routes," said Siddharth Srinivasan, co-founder of the group.

The group was created by him along with Amogh A, an engineering student, and Yathish Kumar S. In just 10-15 days, the group expanded to 900+ members. Srinivasan says that there is a dire need for an official live-tracking app by BMTC, to show that the buses are much more reliable.

"Social media has got the ultimate reach. Mainly, people are hesitant to travel by bus because of ignorance, which we want to change.

Through social media, one query might end up resolving 20 more queries due to a number of people who are following the group," Srinivasan added.

Even officials have started to use social media as a platform to identify problems around the city. The best example of this is the Bangalore Traffic Police. "Traffic police encourage tweets. We have tweeted about 3-4 times regarding clearance of traffic near signals at Lalbagh and they always respond and help."

Traffic personnel informed that they have a separate team for social media that continuously works to acknowledge people's complaints on Twitter and other social media handles.

Kuldeep Kumar R Jain, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic said, "I have my own social media handle that I manage myself. There is a person in my office who solely works on Twitter and identifies any complaints and problems from my own division. We have a much bigger social media team that works from the Additional Commissioner's office. They look at people's complaints and then forward the complaints to their respective division's handles." More and more people are using social media to flag traffic-related issues in the city, the traffic police informed.

However, many feel that there is still a need for a proper platform to register complaints, as well as to track buses in Bengaluru. "It is great that social media has brought together authorities and citizens to solve the issues around the city. But the reason we are using Twitter to register complaints is that there are no dedicated websites or apps for the same. Or if there are, the complaints aren't being acted upon. There should be a dedicated and official website where the queries and complaints are also regularly registered," Akshay KP, a resident of Vijayanagar added.

3 cases closed: Phone-snatchers nabbed

The Sampigehalli, Yelahanka and the Kothanur police registered three cases of robberies/extortion within their police jurisdictions and arrested five people all in their early twenties. The Sampigehalli police, on Saturday, arrested Mohanraj and his associate Dinesh Damodaran from Srirampura and recovered two mobile phones and a bike they used to commit robberies in and around the Northeast division.

The accused on June 5, confronted Jeswin Lalu Perumal, a software engineer, while he was returning home on his scooter with his friend. The duo snatched his phone worth Rs 15,000 and escaped.

The scooter rider identified as Cherian lost balance and fell, sustaining a fracture of his shoulder bone. The police who have registered a case of robbery managed to track down the accused.

In another incident, the Yelahanka police arrested Sahil Baig, Srinivas M, from Rajanukunte and recovered a mobile phone which they had robbed from a labourer on July 23.

The accused had threatened Bhishnu Lohar, demanded money from him, but when Lohar pleaded that the money was to buy his ration, they snatched his mobile phone and escaped from the spot.

Recently, the Kothanur police arrested Mubarak Khan from KG Halli for snatching a mobile phone from a delivery boy on July 22.

The accused confronted Suresh Balubai, near the Wajid Layout, when the accused along with his associates, approached him on the pretext of enquiring an address. Before Suresh could react, the accused attacked him with a helmet, pushed him down and sped away robbing his mobile phone.

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Folks, introducing Namma Clinics

BM visits clinic in Malleswaram that is among the first to open; more will follow in all wards for medical aid to poor

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The Namma Clinic in Malleswaram, with all the facilities is open to public

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Health Department is leaving no stone unturned to open Namma Clinics in all wards in the city. Clinics at Malleswaram and Padmanabha Nagar, are already open to the public.

Namma Clinics would be in addition to the existing primary health centres (PHCs) maintained by the BBMP.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, while presenting the State Budget, announced the plan to set up Namma Clinics to facilitate the detection of non-communicable diseases and refer patients, if required, to government hospitals for treatment.

"We have identified the buildings for opening Namma Clinics in all wards. All the Namma Clinics will be functioning in two months. The process of recruiting the medical staff is ongoing," said BBMP Special Commissioner (Health) Dr Trilok Chandra.

The BBMP Chief Health Officer issued a notice on August 3 inviting applications from the eligible candidates for appointment through a walk-in selection process.

The employment will be on a one-year contract basis, under the 15th Finance Commission Scheme.

The notice said 235 medical officers (MBBS degree and KMC Council Registration Certificate), 235 nurses/male nurses (B.Sc/Diploma in Nursing and KMC Council Registration Certificate), 235 laboratory technicians (Diploma in Laboratory Technology and computer knowledge), and 235 class four employees (SSLC or equivalent) are required for Namma Clinics.

The BBMP Health Department has fixed a consolidated pay of Rs 47,250 per month for each of the medical officers, Rs 15,750 fixed for each nurse, Rs 14,609 for each laboratory technician, and Rs 10,500 for each of the class four employees.

The selection of the candidates will be held between 10.30 am and 4.30 am on August 10 and 11.

The clinics would be a boon for patients from economically backward sections.

The cost of setting up the each clinic is Rs 36.4 lakh. It will have a doctor, a nurse and a laboratory technician and a class four employee.

"We have opened the Namma Clinic here on July 28. As of now, I am on a deputation. We refer patients who need medical tests to KC General Hospital. We provide basic facilities and medicines for patients who visit us," said Dr C Bharath working at Namma Clinic in Rotary Scholastic Centre, Kadu Malleswara ward of Malleswaram Assembly constituency.

According to a pharmacist, who is also on a deputation from a BBMP Health Centre situated at Gandhi Grama in Malleswaram Assembly constituency, most of the patients are from nearby educational institutions.

> **"All the Namma Clinics will be functioning in two months. The process of recruiting the medical staff is ongoing.**
>
> – BBMP

"The clinic did not have many patients on Thursday due to Varamahalakshmi but on average around 30 patients visit this clinic every day," said the pharmacist.

Residents have welcomed the move and believe that it will be very helpful to poor people.

Muniswamy S, a fruit vendor, said, "Namma Clinic here will be a great help for people like me. I appeal to the BBMP authorities to focus on the maintenance of the Namma Clinic."

JAL adds another flight from B'luru

Japan Airlines (JAL) has increased the flight frequency from twice a week to three times between Bengaluru and Tokyo. JAL said that this additional flight will be another convenient option for persons travelling to and from Japan and for passengers connecting to and from the United States and Canada.

JAL operates the route with a Boeing 787-8 aircraft that leaves Bengaluru past midnight and reaches Japan the next morning. JAL said this provided ample layover time for passengers connecting to 11 destinations that JAL flies directly to in North America, from Tokyo Narita Airport. **— BMB**

Traffic diversions on Palace Grounds

City police have announced traffic diversions on Palace Grounds due to pipe laying works as part of the Tendersure project. The restrictions will be in place from August 7-13.

Vehicles travelling from Chalukya Circle towards Mysore Bank Circle have to take a left turn near Maharanis and reach KR Circle via Seshadri Road, then take a right turn at KR Circle and reach Mysore Bank Circle via Post Office Road.

Vehicles travelling from Mysore Bank Circle on KG Road towards Chalukya Circle, at Mysore Bank Circle need to take the right lane (east direction) for 200 m and then take a left (west direction) near Central College and reach Chalukya Circle via Maharani Underpass.**— BMB**

Enforce ban on loose cigarette sale, say experts

Warnings have a real impact only if people buy full packs of cigarettes

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The Union Health Ministry on July 29 announced that tobacco products will display a new warning saying "Tobacco users die younger" and "Tobacco causes painful death". Experts suggest that apart from changing the warning, the government should strictly enforce the ban on selling loose cigarettes.

The warning "Tobacco causes painful death" goes into effect from December 1, this year and the other one from December 1, 2023, for all tobacco products manufactured, imported, or packaged.

The new amendments were made under the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Rules 2008 on July 21.

SJ Chander, Convenor of Consortium for Tobacco Free Karnataka, said, "Pack warnings will have a real impact when cigarettes and other tobacco products are sold in full packs. The real intention is to discourage the user from using tobacco by alerting them to the health implications. Section 7 of COTPA prohibits the sale of tobacco without pictorial warning. Therefore, selling cigarettes and other tobacco products loosely is a violation of Section 7."

Even the government of Karnataka has banned the loose sale of cigarettes. The need of the hour is strict regulation on the sale of tobacco, Chander added.

Professor Ashok R Patil, Professor of Law, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, said, "When the tobacco products are sold loosely, without health warnings the legal provision becomes futile. So the key here is strict and effective implementation. Any violation of the provision should be dealt with severely. Youths are the main target of tobacco companies. Special attention should be given to regulating the sale of tobacco around educational institutions, ensuring that there is no loose sale of tobacco products."

> **"Special attention should be given to regulating the sale of tobacco around educational institutions**
>
> – Ashok R Patil, Law professor

The ministry said that any person engaged directly or indirectly in the manufacture, production, supply, import, or distribution of cigarettes or any tobacco products will ensure that all tobacco product packages have the specified health warnings exactly as prescribed. Violation of the guidelines is a punishable offence with imprisonment or fine.

THE SUNDAY READ

Men and women busy at work at KKGSS in Bengeri of Hubballi

Khadi Republic

Kaushik JN captures snapshots of Karnataka Khadi Gramodyoga Samyukta Sangha in Hubballi where news of use of polyester flags has come as a dampener

Usually as Independence Day approaches, an aura of pride sweeps through the Karnataka Khadi Gramodyoga Samyukta Sangha (KKGSS) in Bengeri, Hubballi City of Dharwad. Since 2004, being the only authorised manufacturing unit to make the Indian flag, this centre is in the thick of things around this time.

In 2006, KKGSS was awarded (Award of Excellence), and also got the certification from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

But this year, though the Government has announced a 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign as a part of the 75th Independence Day celebration, celebrations at KKGSS are subdued. In order to ensure more households will be unfurling the flag this year, the government has allowed the use of flags made of polyester. This has translated into a major drop in sales of Khadi flags made at KKGSS. The centre used to manufacture over one lakh flags every year but due to covid and now the use of polyester flags, business and sales of khadi flags have been decreasing gradually. Khadi workers fear the worst.

Over 50,000 people are employed in the Khadi sector in Karnataka, of which 90% are women.

KKGSS manufactures the Indian

> **"We are planning a country wide agitation of Khadi manufacturing units. Polyester flags will spell the closure of Khadi. We will oppose nod to polyester flags**
> – Shivananda Mathapathi, KKGSS

KKGSS used to make 1L flags a year

Flag in nine sizes. Initially the flag was made only with cotton khadi, later it was allowed to use handmade wool and silk, with the Flag Code of India 2002.

Khadi Indian flags from this unit

Shivananda Mathapati (left), secretary of KKGSS and Manoj Patil, chairman of Dharwad District Khadi Gramodyoga Sangha show a Khadi flag

have been used at the Rashtrapathi Bhavan, Raj Bhavan, Parliament, State Assemblies and other government buildings for close to two decades. Indian flag has always been made of hand spun and hand woven cotton, wool and silk khadi bunting.

Shivananda Mathapati, secretary of KKGSS told BM, "We are planning a country wide agitation of Khadi manufacturing units. Polyester flags will spell the closure of Khadi in the future. We will surely oppose the nod to making of polyester Indian flags. We have already written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to reconsider the decision," he said.

Even the recent visit of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi along with other party workers to the KKGSS plant where he expressed support to Khadi has not completely eased their worry.

"We are all worried about khadi's future in our country," Mathapati said.

Return defective flags: BBMP tells buyers

After it emerged that several of the flags sold by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) are defective, the Palike has asked people to return the ones with discrepancies. According to BBMP, approximately 5 per cent of the flags were defective.

As part of the Central Government campaign 'Har Ghar Tiranga', the state government had set a target for one million houses in the city to hoist the national flag between August 13-15. To meet the requirement, BBMP announced the sale of 10 lakh National Flags at Rs 25 for one piece and Rs 10 for smaller ones. But the campaign hit a glitch as some flags distributed were found to be not as per the Flag Code.

RTI activist Veeresh Belluru said, "BBMP is selling the flags at Rs 25 per piece. During a distribution at the Govindarajanagar office, we noticed that more than 95 per cent of the flags were defective. They are made of polyester and the Ashoka Chakra was not placed in the centre. The Saffron and Green bands in the flags were of disproportionate sizes. Some Ashoka Chakra were found to be oval-shaped. Some had not been stitched at the edges and cut in a zig-zag manner."

As per the Flag Code, the national flags should be rectangular in shape and the ratio of the length to the height of the flag should be 3:2.

BBMP agreed that the flags were defective and asked the public to return them. "Approximately 5 per cent of the flags were defective. Normally, the Ashoka Chakra should be placed in the middle of the flag but in some cases it was more towards the left or right. The colour bands were also not proportional. Some had manufacturing defects," BBMP Special Commissioner (Admin) Rangappa told BM. BBMP said flags were supplied by Kannada and Culture Department on credit and that they would pay only for properly manufactured ones and the rest would be sent

back. "We are giving directions to Joint Commissioners to replace the flags at ward-level BBMP offices," he added.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "Citizens who have received the defective flags can return the flags at the ward-level BBMP offices in each ward." **— Melvin Mathew**

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STORYBEHINDTHEPHOTO

MISSING IN ACTION

Sparrows used to visit my backyard in clusters, merrily chirping while pecking at the seeds and worms in the garden. Their numbers dwindled with the erection of electric towers. The lone bird that visited us flew away after a short stay, never to appear again.

The picture was clicked by reader **T Prakash**

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How agile are you? Stroll here, to check

Sahasra Garden Road in Whitefield can be a gymnast's paradise with its umpteen potholes, rocks and debris

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In Whitefield's Sahasra Garden Road, where the Little Oaks School is situated, going to school brings a feeling of dread to kids and their parents. Such is the pathetic condition of the road that it is very difficult for the children as well as other commuters to walk, let alone drive past.

The commuters say that walking on the road is a Herculean task. There have been times when their vehicles have gotten stuck on the road because of the mud.

Mithul Kumar, a commuter, said, "The condition of the road is extremely poor. There is not a single spot which does not have any craters or water puddles. The holes on the road are so big that once, my bike fell in one of them while I was returning from office. It stopped and wouldn't start. I had to push my bike through the entire stretch of road."

They also add that the road is extremely dangerous for the school kids. Vijeeth Mohan, a parent said, "My daughter studies in Little Oaks School. So many kids use this road and if they are not careful, they can easily injure themselves. Even for adults, this road is not safe at all."

The commuters say that during the monsoon season the condition of the road has worsened.

Vijay K, a resident of the area, added that the situation was worse during the rainy season as the road becomes very muddy, the holes are filled with water; and people who are using this road can easily fall.

"Snakes are often seen crawling out of bushes during the monsoon

– Surbhi Deepak, a resident

Near Little Oak's School on Sahasra Garden Road, stretch is a bumpy one

The commuters also say that there are a number of wild bushes in the premises of the road and due to the monsoon season, a lot of snakes are roaming around on the road as well.

Surbhi Deepak, another resident, said, "During this rainy season, so many snakes are seen coming out of the bushes. If someone is walking and not being careful or looking at the road, they can easily get bitten by the snakes. The authorities should remove these wild bushes and tar the road so that people can use it."

The BBMP officials said that they would send someone to inspect the condition of the road.

DID YOU KNOW?

Plaza Theatre in the former half of the 20th century brought Hollywood to Bangalore. Arcot Narrain Swamy Mudaliar was a contractor who built many buildings in Bengaluru.
His grandsons, A S Krishnamoorthy and Rajamanickam Velu wanted to construct a film theatre on this property, and constructed Plaza theatre in 1936, modeling it after the Piccadilly Circus in London. The first film to be screened here was 'The Broadway Melody' in April 1936.
The theatre also had a wooden dance floor which was used by British soldiers for ball dancing. Initial ticket prices ranged from eight annas for the front seats to 1 rupee and 12 annas for the balcony's highest seat, called The Dress Circle. The theatre also had a bar which served drinks to patrons who came to watch movies. In 2005, the curtains came down for the last time at this theatre. (wikipedia)

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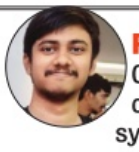
What are the immediate steps government should adopt to check urban flooding?

M Kiran Kamath, Managing consultant
Every pavement must have permeable grass cover. Water will be absorbed and some of it can flow into storm-water drains.



Rohit Kumar, Data scientist
Create rain gardens, diversion canals, groundwater recharge systems, and reforestation efforts.

Bhuvanesh Krishna, Student
New building approvals must be given only after strict scrutiny to see whether it will be a flood risk. Illegal riverside constructions should be demolished to ensure proper drainage of excess rainwater and water released from dams.

Dr Arjun Ajay, Ayurveda Doctor
Effective implementation of water harvesting methods can reduce the risk of urban floods and add to groundwater levels.

Sreejith S Nair, Content reviewer
Cities are getting flooded because all the water bodies created by nature are filled with concrete, preventing the water to seep. The urban cities will keep on seeing flooding if the lakes and ponds keep disappearing.

Srushti Rajaram, Model
I think urban areas should be immediately installed with rainwater harvesting pits. The drainage system could be even better and a proper construction of roads could lead a long way to avoid urban flooding.

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Mysuru's e-libraries for tech-friendly times

Digital libraries are the latest trend everywhere and Mysuru's digital library already has had 48,000 registrations

In an attempt to keep up with digital times, Mysuru's libraries are also bidding to be tech savvy. In an age where education is imparted through computers, tab, and mobiles and libraries are also being digitised, Mysuru does not want to be left behind either.

The City Central Library in People's Park and in Kuvempunagar have one digital library each and two computers installed. Competitive exam aspirants can get information on examinations through digital libraries. The registration is free for the digital library and anyone can avail of the digital service. Due to the good response from the public, there has been a demand for setting up more digital libraries and already, more than 48,000 patrons for the digital library have registered, not a small number by any means.

The Public Library Department has also submitted a proposal to the government asking for 130 computers for Mysuru city and 22 for rural areas.

A digital library is an e-library with more than one lakh e-books, competitive examination books, learning videos, CET, NEET UPSC, and KPSC exam books, CBSE, ICSE, NCERT textbooks, and regional textbooks in various languages, newspapers, and magazines available. There are also model question papers and practice test papers. It is developed to support the student's studies. The books can't be downloaded, but can be read.

City Central Library in People's Park is popular for its array of books in e-format

> **"I have been using the digital library for the past one year to prepare for UPSC exam**
>
> –Manju K, an aspirant

Readers can register through computer or mobile to www.karnatakadigitalpubliclibrary.org by entering their name, mobile number and password. Digital books can be read from anywhere after initial registration and login. Mobile users can download the "Jnana Deepike" mobile app and read books in it.

Students are happy. Competitive examination aspirant Rajesh R said, "A digital library is very useful for competitive exam aspirants. The tab is very useful for taking mock tests. We will get all the information immediately. I am preparing for the railway examinations. For this, I am using the digital library four hours daily."

Another aspirant Manju K said, "I have been using the digital library for the last one year. I am preparing for UPSC examination. Every day I read e-books for three hours. I hope to get enough information."

District Public Library Department Deputy Director B Manjunath said, "Now, two digital libraries in Mysuru and one in every taluk is present. A total of 11 digital libraries are operating. Each library has two computers. We have sent a proposal to provide 130 computers to the city, 22 computers to rural areas, 65 UPS, 20 printers and 6 wi-fi routers. This will strengthen the digital library infrastructure in the district."

He added, "Digital libraries are designed to support the studies of the students. Many competitive exam aspirants are utilising this. More people should benefit from it."

–Prakash VL

KFCC cannot take monetary decisions

... until next hearing at HC; court passes order after hearing writ petition filed by three members on alleged KFCC election irregularities

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Karnataka High Court has directed Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) to not take major decisions involving finances or policies till the next date of hearing. The High Court has made it clear that the KFCC can carry out other activities. The High Court passed this order while hearing a writ petition filed by Sa Ra Govindu and two others against the Government of Karnataka on the alleged irregularities during the KFCC elections held on May 28, this year.

Sa Ra Govindu, B K Jayasimha Musari, and K M Veeresh had alleged that the very conduct of the said elections to the KFCC was improper, illegal, undemocratic and fraudulent.

"There are ready references such as non-display and disclosure of voters list as mandated in the notice board, at the notice board of polling station, non-disclosure of voter's list to candidates and voters during the elections, non-obtainment of voters' signature on the counterfoil and counting of votes done in the absence of candidates in spite of candidate volunteering to be the witness for counting the same was denied," they said in the petition to the High Court.

They have also alleged that rigging took place in the elections in favour of the respondents – 5, 6, 7, 9, 11 & 12. "The identity cards were not checked for the voters to promote rigging of votes, the entire process of conducting the said election is totally against the by-laws of Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce, its objective and vision," they said in the petition.

The High Court has adjourned the hearing of the petition for four weeks.

In the elections held to the KFCC president's post, Ba Ma Harish polled 781 votes while Sa Ra Govindu polled 378 votes.

CM Bommai tests positive, Delhi trip cancelled

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday said his trip to Delhi was cancelled after he tested positive for covid-19 with mild symptoms.

"I have tested positive for Covid-19 with mild symptoms and have isolated myself at home. Those who came in touch with me in the last few days, kindly isolate yourself and get yourself tested. My trip to Delhi stands cancelled," tweeted Bommai today morning.

Bommai was set to attend the 3rd meeting of the National Committee of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the 7th meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog during his visit to Delhi.

This is the second time that Bommai has tested positive for covid-19. Earlier on January 10, 2022, Bommai had also tested positive for covid-19.

Meanwhile, in K'taka

Karnataka on Friday recorded 2,042 new covid cases. Total active cases in state are at 11,403 and death count is at 40,113.

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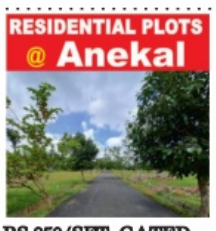

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2 more SDRF teams to bolster flood rescue

Repair and restoration of roads, bridges, electric supply lines to be taken up immediately in rain-battered districts

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In an attempt to mitigate damage wrought by the rain in various districts of the state, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has instructed officials to constitute two additional SDRF contingents to strengthen relief and rescue systems.

The Chief Minister who held a video conference with DCs of rain-affected districts, along with ministers and officials, took details on flood damage, landslides, crop losses and relief works.

SDRF and NDRF contingents have already been deployed in the flood-hit areas of the state. The DCs should maintain constant contact with these teams and take up immediate relief and rehabilitation works, Bommai instructed.

A 50-year-old building collapsed on Avenue Road Cross at Mamulpet on Saturday

3-storeyed building collapses in Chickpet; no casualties

An old three-storied building has collapsed near Chickpet due to the continuous rain in the city. There were no casaulties. A fancy store and three shops of plastic products on the ground floor were crushed due to the fall. Meanwhile, the Met department has predicted widespread very light to light rains likely over BBMP area. The maximum and minimum temperatures likely to be around 26 and 20 degree Celsius respectively for the next two days.

Numbers that matter
(June 1 to August 6)

Deaths: **70**	Rural roads damaged: **8,445 km**
Livestock deaths: **507**	Bridged and culverts damaged: **1,068**
Houses damaged completely: **3,559**	Schools damaged: **4,531**
Houses damaged partially: **17,212**	Anganwadis damaged: **222**
Agriculture crops destroyed: **1,29,087** hectares	Electric poles damaged: **16,760**
Horticulture crops destroyed: **7,942** hectares	Transformers damaged: **1,469**
Roads damaged: **3,162 km**	Electric wires snapped: **409 km**
	Minor irrigation tanks damaged: **33**

'Rs 200 crore released'

There is no shortage of funds to take up relief and rehabilitation operations said the Chief Minister. "Rs 200 crore has already been released for 21 districts. The DCs should take immediate action to disburse compensation for houses destroyed or damaged," Bommai said.

Repair and restoration of roads, bridges and electric supply lines should be taken up immediately. Power supply in villages should be restored and DCs should interact with ESCOMS concerned. Adequate stock of electric poles and transformers should be ensured. Crop-loss survey should be completed at the earliest and compensation should be disbursed without any delay, he said.

Flood alert

The Chief Minister wanted the officials to issue flood alerts well in advance and instructed for action in this regard at Bennehalla in Gadag district, Varada River banks in Haveri district and other places. Alerts should be issued to villages downstream before releasing waters from reservoirs. Precautions should be taken to prevent breach of tank bunds, Bommai said.

Landslides

Bommai wanted the officials to identify the areas prone to landslides in Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada and Uttara Kannada districts and shift the people in these areas to safer places. People should be provided with good quality food at the care centres.

Cemeteries to green parks

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place for the locals to bury the departed. Hence, I decided to construct a cemetery. I strongly feel that cemeteries should be made like temples. Hence, we are taking great care in making burial grounds green spaces.

We have constructed a cemetery where more than 200 medicinal and fruit bearing plants have been planted. It looks like a green cover. We have also tied up with local schools and conducted vanamahotsava (forest festival)," BM Ravi Shankar, 51, who works as managing director of a construction company, told Bangalore Mirror.

Though Shankar was born in Chikkamagaluru, he studied and worked in Bengaluru. He is now a resident of Nagarabhavi.

"I am open to the idea of green park cemeteries. If anyone wants me to do such a venture in Bengaluru, I am open to it. In fact, all the cemetery parks which I have been setting up are financed through my savings. I am investing money so that people can give a good send off to their departed ones," he said.

Shankar said one of the reasons for choosing cemeteries was that these environs hold a great place in our culture; this is the place where people get a chance to bid good bye to their loved ones.

"This is the reason why so many people gather at the cemetery to have the last glimpse. However, most of the burial grounds are in a pathetic state without any connectivity. I have always wondered why cemeteries should not be given a green touch. A lot of brainstorming helped me to create what has been done today," he said.

Shankar added, "Two years ago, we started a trust — Mahachandra prastitana. If the local panchayats provide us land and permission, then we are making it clean, neat and green. The whole place is fenced, shelter is provided for rituals; cemeteries are given water connections as well. In one of the park cemeteries, we have planted saplings of bilpatre, parijata, rudrakshi and of fruit-bearers."

BN Vishwanath, former director of DCC Banks said, "There is a shortage of cemeteries in many areas. This is the reason why family members who die are buried at different places. In fact, there are so many who don't even get a decent farewell. We truly appreciate Ravi Shankar's work."

JD(S) MLA in dock over conflict with forest dept officials

Janata Dal (Secular) JDS Party MLA of Nagamangala constituency, Suresh Gowda, was booked under non-bailable sections of the IPC 353 - for obstructing public servants from discharging their duties along with other criminal offences such as intentional insult, unlawful assembly, and criminal intimidation while he had confronted a group of Forest Department officials who were duty to clear encroachments of the deemed forest land in a village Halthi in Mandya on Friday.

The forest department officials had gone to clear encroachments by villagers who had dug up trenches into deemed forest lands in order to cultivate crops, and as soon as the forest officials - Assistant Conservator of Forest (ACF) Shankare Gowda, Range Forest Officer (RFO) Sathish B, and Deputy RFO MK Prakash and other staff went to stop the work, the villagers informed their MLA Gowda who rushed to the spot and not only abused the forest officials, but also threatened them by instigating the villagers into not allowing the officials inside their village or even set fire to forest vehicles if they force themselves in. The MLA had heated arguments with the forest officials and warned them to come only after conducting a joint survey by both Revenue Department officials and the Forest Department officials of the deemed forest land.

A video lasting over 2 minutes of Gowda speaking disrespectfully to the forest officials, abusing and threatening them had gone viral on social media and created an uproar among environmentalists and wildlife conservationists who wrote to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) to initiate legal proceedings against the offender.

A video of the incident went viral

On August 5, around 11.30 pm, RFO Sathish B and his colleagues approached the Nagamanagala rural police station and filed a complaint against the MLA based on which a case was registered against the MLA and 10 others from the village. But, the police have been tight-lipped on the legal action taken. It is a discretion of the investigating officer whether or not to arrest a culprit in the case, said police sources adding the MLA has moved his legal team for obtaining an anticipatory bail too.

According to the forest officials, the land in question at the Halthi village is deemed forest and the state government through a gazette notification had transferred 374 acres to the forest department recently of which the forest officials even had the government order carried along with them.

– Bellie Thomas

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INTERVIEW

THOMAS AND MATHIAS SÜHRING, CHEFS

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Twintastic take on German food

Twin Michelin star chefs chat about an evolving German cuisine during their visit to Bengaluru

Identical twin chefs, Thomas and Mathias Sühring, want to change how people view German cuisine. Inspired by family traditions and new-age techniques, the brothers run their 2 Michelin restaurant in Bangkok, Sühring, serving up what they call 'new German food'.

What makes Sühring special is not just the fact that they are currently ranked number seven on the Asia's 50 best restaurants list, but also the unique feel of the place – an attempt to recreate the warmth from their childhood by coupling food with emotion.

The Sühring's cultivated their love for food while living at their grandparent's farm, picking up old cooking styles like pickling, fermenting, and smoking. Their restaurant is inspired by these memories and offers people a 'casual fine dining' chance inside their home. There are separate spaces keeping different themes in mind, and customers can opt to dine at the 'living room', the cosy 'glass house', or even in the 'kitchen' with a direct view of the experts at work in their natural habitat.

On Thursday, BM had a chat with the twins at The Ritz-Carlton on their maiden visit to the city as a part of a special event put together by the Masters of Marriott Bonvoy and Culinary Culture.

Here's how it went.

First trip to the city

"We could not travel for the past two years because of covid. We've explored Mumbai and Delhi already and were thinking 'why not Bangalore this time?'. India is so big and there's so much to discover and so many different cuisines to try."

Trying local food

"We went to Oota Restaurant and it was incredible. We ate on a banana leaf with our hands! We are not used to it. It was our first time doing that and it was amazing."

'New German cusine'

"The perception of German food outside Germany is 'Oktoberfest'. Things like pork knuckles, sauerkraut, potatoes, sausage – heavy food, big portions – come to people's mind. We, at our restaurant, want to update that perception. Our new German cuisine is lighter and more refined, but uses the same ingredients and recipes from our childhood with an upgrade."

Zeroing in on Bangkok

"We came to Bangkok 14 years ago, in 2008. After 7 years there, we wanted to pursue our dream of opening our own restaurant. Thailand was the perfect market for it. The culture is very vibrant and it is very cosmopolitan. People love to try out different kinds of food."

2 Michelin stress

"It's stressful to run a 2 Michelin star restaurant, but we are also happy that people come and appreciate our German food. It was quite difficult to open a German restaurant because it is not French or Italian, which are more popular cuisines. People usually expect German food to be heavy, with big portions, but we blend old and new cooking styles and offer lighter food. We borrow old methods we saw being used on our grandma's farm – preserving, cooking on wood - but also new cooking techniques to preserve the vitamins, to preserve the nutrients in meat, vegetables, and fish."

Twins brainstorm together

"When we create a new menu, we usually do it based on seasons. Then we discuss ideas amongst each other and with our sous chefs. We keep in mind the 'story-telling of the ingredients'. Sustainability is also a factor, so we like using low-key ingredients.

Chef's picks at Sühring

Thomas: Soft egg noodles "Very traditional dish in Germany. Very comforting. The comfort and taste provide you with everything you need."

Mathias: In-house bread "We make our own bread at Sühring. Bread is kind of a staple in Germany. We start by fermenting the sourdough and really enjoy the process of creating it here by ourselves. When we came to Bangkok initially there weren't that many great bakeries."

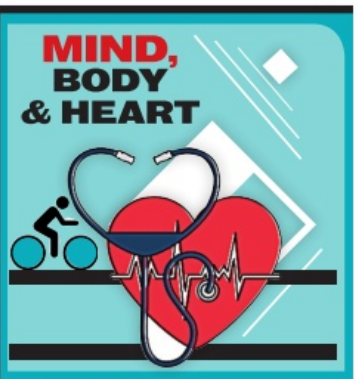
Advice to future top chefs

"Don't give up on your dreams - however big. Nothing comes without hard work. Be passionate in what you do and keep improving. In today's world, people give up too easily as success takes time, but the key is to have patience. Don't be discouraged by others and do what makes you happy."

What makes 'Sühring'

"When we were looking for a property and found this, we thought we always wanted to draw out emotions from people, not only in terms of food, but the whole experience. The architecture of the house reminded us of our grandma's house. We made a 'living room' and winter garden or 'glass house' - same as our grandma's house. We keep it cozy and give soul to the room. We wanted to keep it 'casual fine dining' instead of fine dining so that it is not too stiff and people just have a good time and enjoy the food, wine, and service. They shouldn't be under pressure to come in suits and stuff. Having a good experience is important."

While the twins don't have Indian expansion plans yet, we can still hope that they are inspired to bring their take on 'dinner with a soul' to the country of food enthusiasts in the future.



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a man aged 39 and I've just found out I'm being made redundant. It couldn't have come at a worse time, as my wife has given up her job through stress and to focus more on our two kids. She's already angry that we're struggling financially and that I don't earn more money, and has always resented the fact that she had to work instead of being at home and being more involved with the kids.

Things came to a head a few weeks ago in the middle of an argument when she told me she was leaving her job and that I'd have to just deal with it. How can I tell her that I'll soon be unemployed, too? She's quite volatile at the moment and she'll hit the roof.

Our kids are aged seven and five, and before they came along we had a pretty great relationship. I'd love some advice.

COLEEN SAYS

The financial fallout from Covid means a lot of people are facing the same problems and it puts so much stress on relationships. It's hard to have a conversation when your wife is angry and the situation is volatile, but you have to tell her sooner rather than later. All you can do is try to remain calm and explain that it's not your fault, it's not what you wanted either, and you'll obviously look for another job. She'll be looking for reassurance, so do your best to do that. Sometimes when you're very stressed, you just need to be talked down. When someone else is calm and confident, it really helps to bring you back down. Now things have come to a head, maybe this is an opportunity for you and your wife to get on the same side again. Talk about a plan and remind her what you have to build on – a marriage, lovely children and a life together. Finally, you're not a huge disappointment – redundancy can happen to anyone from any walk of life.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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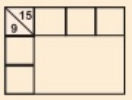
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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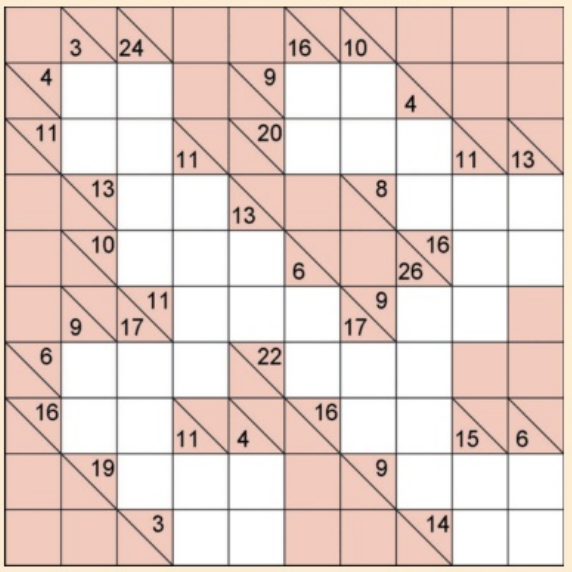

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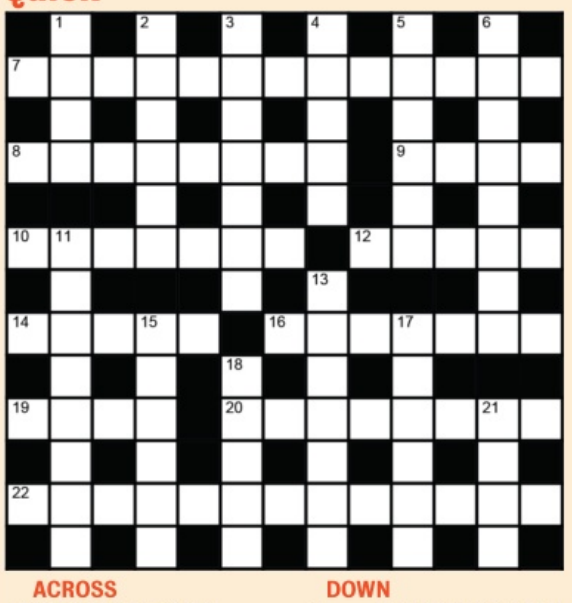


ACROSS

7 M G in M G Road? (7,6)
8 Mausoleum at Agra (3,5)
9 Person in charge (4)
10 Fruit grove (7)
12 Icy or cold – "glide" anagram? (5)
14 Convulsive movement (5)
16 Mary _____ : Julie Andrews movie? (7)
19 Duo (4)
20 Physically active and strong (8)
22 Kane And Abel author (7,6)

DOWN

1 _____ Hari : famous spy? (4)
2 Gentle heat (6)
3 Roman wine jar (7)
4 Nimble (5)
5 Make possible; authorise (6)
6 Actor (8)
11 Done again? (8)
13 Authorisation or permission (2-5)
15 Conflict or struggle (6)
17 Deliver a sermon (6)
18 Pastries (5)
21 Wild goat (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: X EQUALS U

TP BPF, UPH PBA HAIXOYA, UPHANP FJA IXHIPYA FJMF EPX HAYPOCAT FP AUUARF.

Linemaro

When I hear a love song, I think of you

Mindchow

Our own physical body possesses a wisdom which we who inhabit the body lack. We give it orders which make no sense

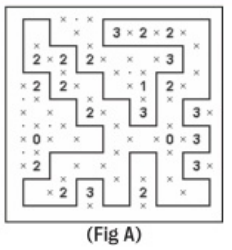
Joke of the day

Q: Where did Abraham Lincoln live?
A: I have his Gettysburg right here!

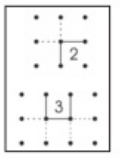
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

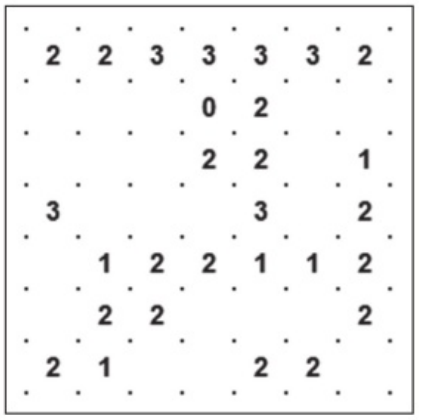


(Fig B) Not Allowed

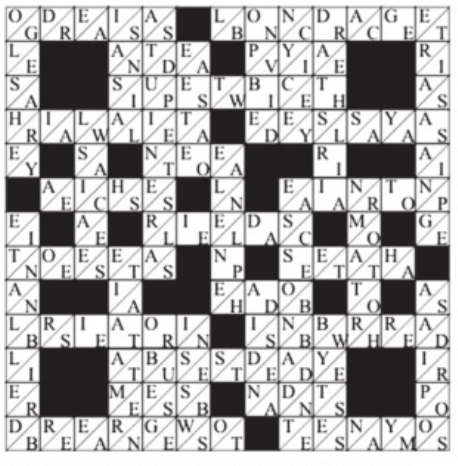
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



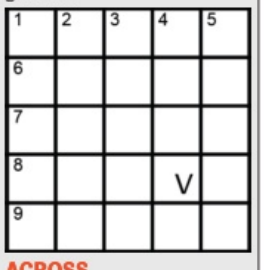
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

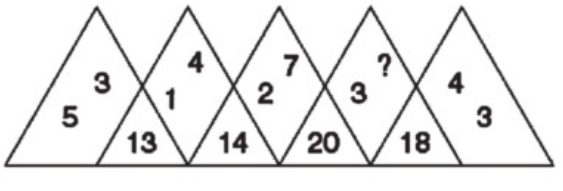
1 Pests; 6 Atria;
7 Lay is; 8 Aleve;
9 Ruble

DOWN

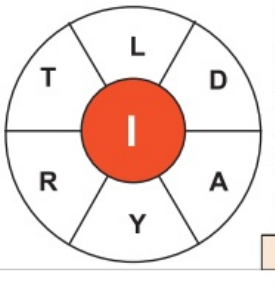
1 List B; 2 Lease;
3 Pauli; 4 Avert;
5 Years

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

18 Average; 20 Good; 22 Outstanding

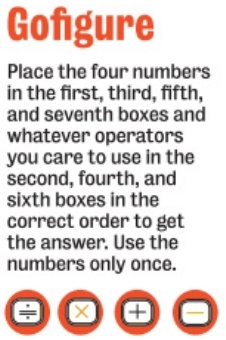
SudokuChallenge

	6				4	3		
9	3	5						1
			9			7	2	
			2	4			5	
	1		3		6		8	
	4			5	9			
	5	1			3			
6						9	7	4
		8	4				1	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

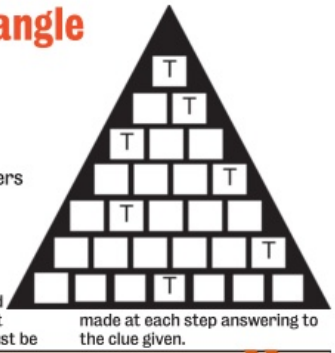
Differences: 1. Arm is lower. 2. Foot is moved. 3. Button is missing. 4. Diploma is lower. 5. Tie is different. 6. Lapel is not showing.

Riddler

Can you uncover what each group of three has in common?
1. brown, polar, Kodiak
2. cough, tear, rain
3. soap, granola, candy

Alpha triangle

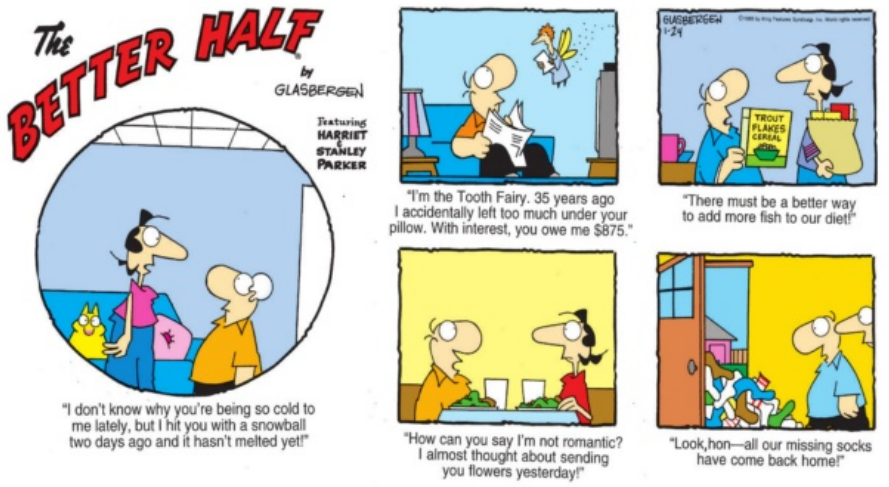
1 Tonne, abbr.
2 ___ tu Brute ...
3 Hanging surfer
4 Landlord's due
5 Back of the ship
6 Turmoil
7 Gatherers' partners

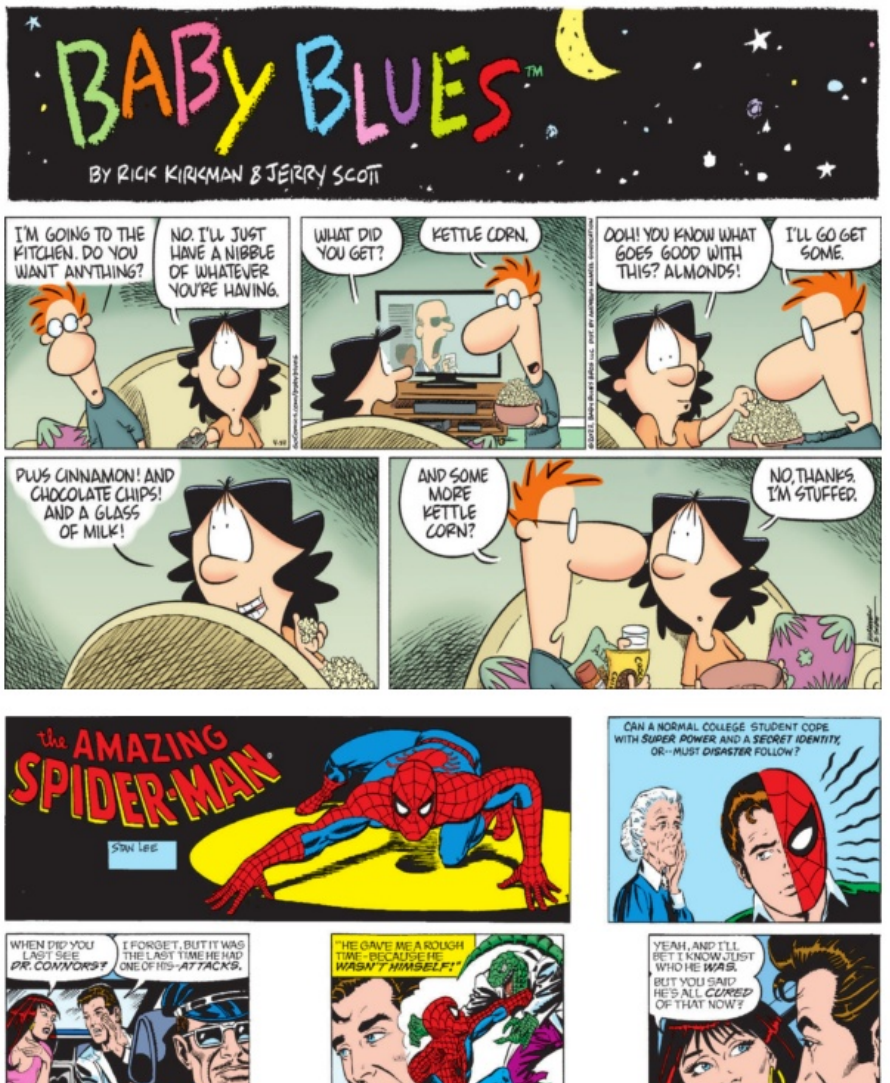


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS


The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
"I don't know why you're being so cold to me lately, but I hit you with a snowball two days ago and it hasn't melted yet!"
"I'm the Tooth Fairy. 35 years ago I accidentally left too much under your pillow. With interest, you owe me $875."
TROUT FLAKES CEREAL
"There must be a better way to add more fish to our diet!"
"How can you say I'm not romantic? I almost thought about sending you flowers yesterday!"
"Look,hon—all our missing socks have come back home!"


BABY BLUES™
BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT
I'M GOING TO THE KITCHEN. DO YOU WANT ANYTHING?
NO. I'LL JUST HAVE A NIBBLE OF WHATEVER YOU'RE HAVING.
WHAT DID YOU GET?
KETTLE CORN.
OOH! YOU KNOW WHAT GOES GOOD WITH THIS? ALMONDS!
I'LL GO GET SOME.
PLUS CINNAMON! AND CHOCOLATE CHIPS! AND A GLASS OF MILK!
AND SOME MORE KETTLE CORN?
NO, THANKS. I'M STUFFED.

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
STAN LEE
CAN A NORMAL COLLEGE STUDENT CODE WITH SUPER POWER AND A SECRET IDENTITY, OR--MUST DISASTER FOLLOW?
WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE DR. CONNORS?
I FORGET, BUT IT WAS THE LAST TIME HE HAD ONE OF HIS ATTACKS.
"HE GAVE ME A ROUGH TIME--BECAUSE HE WASN'T HIMSELF!"
STAN LEE/J. ROMITA/SAL BUSCEMA/T. PALMER
YEAH, AND I'LL BET I KNOW JUST WHO HE WAS.
BUT YOU SAID HE'S ALL CURED OF THAT NOW?
THAT'S WHAT HE TOLD ME IN HIS LAST EMAIL.
THAT WASN'T LONG BEFORE HIS WIFE PASSED AWAY.
WE'RE HERE, FOLKS!
HOW LONG AGO WAS THAT EMAIL?
WHAT LURKS WITHIN...?

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
You are blessed by the moon today and can expect a good day at work. Your domestic life continues to exhibit harmony and joy. You are advised to avoid negative or unproductive discussions. It is a good day to invest. Students will do well.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You will feel some low today, but may be able to get back to work. You might pay extra attention to your kid's health. You are likely to be in a winning position against your enemies. Investors must be careful while making difficult decisions. Job seekers may hear good news.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you could find things to be challenging, but remember not to let it affect you too much. You should avoid investments today. You might notice that people are not being helpful today. Your self-confidence will get you through the day.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may feel upset and it may be a tough day in the office. It is a bad time to invest in anything. Think before you speak, or you may create enemies. Keep track of your expenditure to keep your savings in good health.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today the spotlight is on you. Your hard work will fetch rewards now. Travel could be on the cards. Your juniors may support your plans. You will earn respect from those around you. You may hear good news in terms of work.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be able to witness improvement in your savings. You are likely to invest in valuable assets that will profit you in future. You should be polite with others. You may be able to focus on domestic affairs but your spouse could be upset or have some health issues.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today is a good day and your vitality is great. You are likely to make good plans and implement them efficiently, but you must carefully read documents before signing them. Lovebirds can plan dates.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today is not the best day due to anxiety and restlessness. You may waste precious time on doing worthless tasks. You can plan to visit a spiritual place seeking peace of mind. You may get some advice from your elders, which may show you the way to manage messy situations.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today social get-togethers will re-establish your network, which will bring you benefits in the near future. Those related to glamour, art, fashion will plan new ventures. Students will perform better today. Love birds will enjoy happy moments.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may be busy in the office. Striking a balance between work and play may be tough, but it is okay, you cannot please everyone. You may be able to boost your network. Promotions could be on the cards.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Things are looking better today and destiny is on your side. You may get some rewards for your hard work. It is a good time to start a project. It is a good time to plan a holiday. You may also help the needy.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Health issues may affect your mood. You may face losses in business, so plan your moves carefully. it is advised to control your expenditure. Do not buy useless items to maintain your social status. You should avoid people who are not respectful to you.

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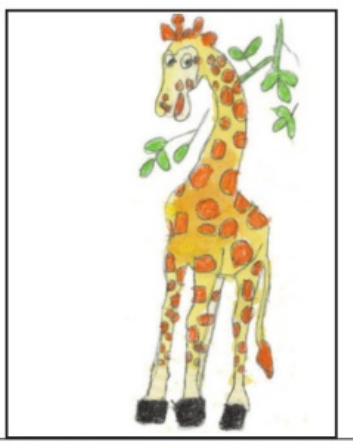

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SOLVE IN 1M
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=(26−16)/(10/9)
=10/(10/9)
=10×9/10
=90/10
=9

BULL'S EYE
airy, arid, daily, dairy, dial, diary, dirt, dirty, idly, laid, lair, liar, lira, rail, rail, tail, TARDILY, tidal, tidy, trail, triad, trial

QUOTE UNCODE
Do not, for one repulse, forego the purpose that you re-solved to effect.

FAST FIVE

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STRIKE OUT

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RIDDLER
1. They are all kinds of bears,
2. They are all kinds of drops,
3. They are all kinds of bars

MENSA PUZZLE
8: each number in the bottom is the sum of the four numbers in the sections either side.
Thus: 8 + 3 + 4 + 3 = 18;

SUDOKU

2	6	7	8	1	4	3	9	5
9	3	5	6	2	7	8	4	1
1	8	4	9	3	5	7	2	6
3	7	6	2	4	8	1	5	9
5	1	9	3	7	6	4	8	2
8	4	2	1	5	9	6	3	7
4	5	1	7	9	3	2	6	8
6	2	3	5	8	1	9	7	4
7	9	8	4	6	2	5	1	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, Et, Ten, Rent, Stern, Unrest, Hunters.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 + 9 − 2 − 1 = 13
Medium
3 − 3 x 3 + 5 = 5
Hard
7 − 3 x 2 + 1 = 9

LOOP

KAKURO

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